

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
FORESTPORT ELEMENTARY
FORESTPORT, NY 13338**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 11, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Abdo – President Richard Gallo – Vice-President Sandra Beasock Mark Emery Michael Kramer Doug Muha Almanda Sturtevant	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Wendy Foye, FPT Principal/CSE Director; Wendy Keehfus-Jones, BE Principal; Jill Schafer, WL Principal; Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Assist. HS Principal; Cynthia Lauzon, Athletic Director; Linda Guernsey, Director of Curriculum; Jill Rowlands-Wills, MS Principal; Marie Yager, Linda Smith, Mary Healt
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Foye, Forestport Principal gave a tour of the building to Board members.

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Abdo called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded; carried 7-0; to go into executive session to discuss the personnel history of particular persons. Mr. Niznik was appointed as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; to go to regular session.

At 7:06 p.m. Mr. Abdo led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATION:

Boyd Dam – Mrs. Cihocki explained to the Board that the district received a tax certiorari lawsuit from the City of Rome for Boyd Dam which is located in the town of Leyden. The property is currently assessed at \$18,000,000. The City of Rome is claiming a value of \$5,500,000. Because the lawsuit started in 2012-13, the potential exposure for the district in refunds is \$951,812 up to the 2017-18 school year.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No one for public forum

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS:

Mrs. Foye – Forestport Principal/CSE Director:

- Terrific start to the new school year.
- Kindergarten orientation was held on August 29th, students/parents got to tour the building and ride a bus.
- Students will receive free breakfast on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week.
- Library Club will start up on the 17th for 4th and 5th graders, theme this year is Treasure Island.
- Merry-Go-Round Playhouse will be coming again this year. Thank you to the Board for supporting this wonderful program.
- Elementary Teachers are participating in monthly STEAM challenges. September's challenge is a contest to see who can make the longest paper chain using one sheet of letter size copier paper.
- Open House is on the 27th of this month.
- Safety and fire drills, AED update will be done.

Mrs. Keehfus-Jones- Boonville Elementary Principal:

- Boonville Elementary's theme this year is Our Neck of the Woods.
- Bucket Filler theme is "In Tents".
- Dismissal on the first day of school went pretty smoothly.
- Unaccompanied walker percentage is increasing. Pick up and drop off is going smoothly.
- Picture day for Boonville Elementary is on the 24th of September.

Mrs. Guernsey – Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Data:

- Star Testing K-8 Math and ELA will take place next week for baseline assessment, 2nd year participating.
- AIS meeting scheduled – waiting for all of the state data. This is the longest embargo for that data.

Mrs. Schafer – West Leyden Principal:

- Adding to the Paws Character Program this year.
- West Leyden is growing with 9 new students.
- A lot of teachers took advantage of the 9/11 online memorials today with their students.
- In Technology, for the October Superintendent Conference day there will be in-house breakout sessions.

Mrs. Smith – HS Principal:

- Welcomed 363 students the first day along with returning and new staff.
- Open House will be on the 20th, invite everyone to come.
- Received 100 backpacks from Front of the Class and they are for any student in need.

Mr. Roberts – Assistant HS Principal:

- Had a great turnout for freshman orientation. Students got their schedules and tour of the building.
- Smooth first few days. Thank you to Mrs. Grenier and Mr. Waterman for their assistance.

Ms. Lauzon –Athletic Director:

- Was able to get around to all 5 buildings to see the physical education teachers on the first day of school.
- Mr. 24 (Dom Ventiquattro) has been helping out subbing at Forestport as one of the Phys. Ed. teachers.
- There has been a change in the date of spirit week and homecoming weekend, it will now be October 1st thru 6th. Booster Club will be holding a meeting to finalize those plans.
- Rough start with sports, low numbers.
- Community Ed courses are on for approval this evening.

Mrs. Rowlands-Will – MS Principal:

- Thank you to everyone who has helped make her transition from teacher to administrator.
- Welcomed 286 students to the Middle School on the first day.
- Open House will be on the 13th.
- 6th graders will be attending a conservation workshop at Lake Delta later this month.
- Makerspace Club and Art Club will be placing birdhouses along the canal trail here in Boonville.
- A moment of silence was held today in remembrance of 9/11.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:

Minutes:

- >> August 14th Public Hearing,
- >> August 14th Regular Meeting
- >> August 22nd Special Meeting

Teaching/Non-Teaching Substitutes/Tutors:

- >> Patrick Fiorenza – substitute teacher

pending background clearance

Building Use:

West Leyden Elementary PTA to use the cafeteria for monthly meetings, membership sign up	Sept. – June
Adult Co-Ed volleyball to use the Boonville Elementary gym, Wednesday evenings	Sept. – May
Boonville Elem PTA to use the cafeteria for monthly meetings, Monday evenings	September – May 2019
Class of 2020 & 2021 to hold a chicken BBQ	10/13/18

Field Trips:

Makerspace Club & MS Art Club to Boonville Canal Trail, Circle K & Tops Plaza	9/20/18
Senior Seminar Classes to Lodging Kit Company & Mercers	9/28/18
Senior Class to Watertown Airport for Workforce 2020	11/14/18

REGULAR AGENDA:

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Kramer moved, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following:

Head Custodian Permanent Appointment:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Mr. Rodney Rowsam, Head Custodian, from provisional status to permanent status as Head Custodian after successful completion of the Civil Service Exam effective September 12, 2018.

Custodian Permanent Appointment:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Steven Wilton, Custodian, from provisional status to permanent status as Custodian effective September 12, 2018.

Bus Driver Permanent Appointment:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Mr. John Niemic to the permanent position of Bus Driver after successfully serving his 26-week probationary period.

Mrs. Sturtevant moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following:

Coaches and Volunteer Coaches:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Board appoint the following coaches and volunteer coach:

- >> Brian Rhone – MOD Girls Soccer
- >> Brittany Lewis – MOD Boys Soccer
- >> Matt Lastowski – Volunteer Girls Soccer

.6 Physical Education Teacher Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board accept the resignation of Ms. Kasy Heil, .6 Physical Education teacher, effective September 1, 2018.

Appointment of .6 Physical Education Teacher:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Ms. Courtney Bradish, who is certified in Physical Education, as a physical education teacher at 0.6 FTE for the period of September 17, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Salary will be prorated at 0.6 FTE D1, Step 1.

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 5-2, Yes-5, No-2 Mr. Emery and Mrs. Beasock, the following was approved:

Long-term Substitute:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Edward Swiecki as a long-term substitute for Spanish from approximately September 2018 to February 2019 at a rate of \$200 a day.

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following:

Class 2022 Advisors:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education appointed Ms. Kathy Grenier and Ms. Michelle Zeigler as Co-Advisors for the Class of 2022.

Surplus Equipment/Books:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education declared textbooks and/or equipment from the District as surplus and be disposed of in the most expedient manner

Committee on Special Education:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, the Board of Education approved the placement of students.

Budget Transfers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the Budget Transfers for July 2018.

Construction Management:

Resolved that, the Board of Education authorize Mr. Niznik, Superintendent to negotiate a contract with C&S Companies in Syracuse for Construction Management Fees.

Fall Community Education Courses:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the fall Community Education courses for 2018.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION {Enclosures}:

➤ Policy: **Mr. Kramer moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the following policies:**

- Education of Students in Foster Care, 7133 – *1st Reading*
- Allocation of Title I, Part A Funds in the District, 5551 – *1st Reading*

➤ Warrants:

- General Fund Warrant # 1
- General Fund Warrant #2
- Lunch Fund Warrant #1
- Lunch Fund Warrant #2
- Special Aid Warrant #1
- Special Aide Warrant #2

➤ College Fieldwork:

Name	College	Major	When	Teacher/Building
Tyler King	Utica College	Education	Fall Semester 2018	Dana Ely – West Leyden 3 rd grade

➤ Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association Fall Dinner Meeting – September 27, 2018

HANDOUTS:

- Enrollment as of September 5, 2018
- District Calendar – Month of September
- Claims Auditor Reports – July and August 2018

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; to go into Executive Session to continue discussion of employment history of particular personnel and negotiations.

Michelle Freeman, District Clerk

Board members returned from executive session at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Muha seconded; carried 7-0, to go into regular session.

At 8:46 p.m. Mrs. Beasock moved and Mr. Kramer seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adjourned to the regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Leyden Elementary cafeteria.

Edward S. Niznik, Clerk Pro-Tem